STAFF REPORT
SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA TITLE:
Accept resignations of three members of the Arts Commission

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Accept resignations of three members of the Arts Commission

BACKGROUND and SUMMARY

A combination of philosophical differences and personality conflicts among Arts Commission members, as well as a pervasive feeling that the Arts Commission has not been moving at an active pace to achieve many of its goals has resulted in the submittal of resignations from three more members of the Arts Commission.

The members who have submitted their resignations since the June 10 Council meeting include:

- **Jeffrey Axelrod,** member with a term that was scheduled to extend through January 2011
- **Nancy Forrest**, member with a term that was scheduled to extend through January 2010
- **Hines**, member with a term that was scheduled to extend through January 2011

These resignations follow on the heels of the resignation of Sandra Macleod White, which was accepted by the City Council at its June 10, 2008 meeting.

ISSUES

With the resignation of these latest three members, the Arts Commission is left with only three members: Joshua Goldstein, Mary Lee Bickford and Bob Woodrum. The Arts Commission is set up as an eleven-member board, with nine voting members and two advisory members. Since it is obvious that the Commission cannot achieve a quorum, it is rendered inactive until some action is taken to review and remedy the persistent problems that have affected the Commission for the past year or more.

Staff continues to recruit and accept applications from candidates interested in appointment to the Arts Commission, but Council may wish to schedule a discussion item on a future Council agenda about possible ways to address the problems of this Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT: NA

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept the resignations of the three members of the Arts Commission who have submitted resignations from service on that Commission since the June 10, 2008 Council meeting.
2. Council may wish to consider scheduling a discussion of possible actions to address the declining interest in and membership on the Arts Commission for a future Council agenda.

ATTACHMENTS

Letters of resignation from:

- Jeffrey Axelrod
- Nancy Forrest
- Hines

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City Manager

Dale Vaughn

From: jeff axelrod [axelrodart@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 8:04 AM
To: Dale Vaughn
Subject: tuesday

to the City of Sausalito
to the attention of Dale Vaughn
Do to personal reasons I am handing in my resignation for my position on the Sausalito Art Commission effective june 17. 2008 - I will be available to help out the commission in the future on a volunteer basis only - Jeffrey J. Axelrod 415.637.0298 6/17/08

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June 13, 2008

Ms Dale Vaughan
Sausalito City Hall
420 Litho Street
Sausalito, CA 94965

Hello Dale,

It is with sadness that I send this letter announcing my resignation from the Sausalito Arts Commission.

Personality conflict and ethical issues have put me in a difficult position where I no longer feel I can be an effective, contributing member.

I thank you for the opportunity, I wish all the Commissioners well and hope that they are able to create a positive working dynamic. I will continue to find opportunities to be of service in this community.

Sincerely,

Nancy Forrest

Enclosure
cc: Jonathan Leone, Sausalito City Council
Adam Politzer, Sausalito City Manager
Joshua Goldstein, Sausalito Arts Commissioner

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June 7, 2008

Dale Vaughn
Administrative Services Manager
City of Sausalito
420 Litho Street
Sausalito, Ca. 94965

Dear Dale Vaughn,

It is with great regret that I must inform you that due to personality conflicts I am resigning from my position as Commissioner and Treasurer of the Sausalito Arts Commission as of Monday, June 9, 2008. I thank you and City Council for giving me the opportunity to be of service to the community by serving on the Sausalito Arts Commission and apologize for not being able to complete my term of service.

Sincerely,

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